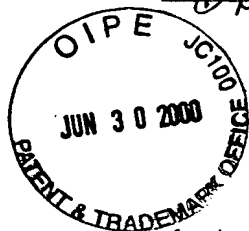


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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

In Claim 1, line 7, after "said first lamina comprising a" insert --woven fabric--.

REMARKS

In the Response dated March 30, 2000 to the Final Office Action, Claims 4, 10 and 19 were canceled, and Claims 5, 11 and 20 were amended. If these amendments have not already been entered, it is requested that they now be entered in the application.

Claims 1-3, 5-9, 11-18, and 20-25 are currently in the application.

Claim 1 has been amended to specify that the reinforcing structure in the first lamina is a woven fabric reinforcing structure, as disclosed in the specification on page 7, starting at line 20 and on page 10, lines 8-12. No new matter is introduced, and it is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered.

Claims 1-3 and 5-8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,556,509, Trokhan et al.

In Applicant's Response dated March 30, 2000 to the Final Office Action, new arguments regarding this rejection were presented. However, the Advisory Action indicated that Applicant had only reiterated the arguments submitted in response to the non-final rejection. It thus appears that

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